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COLD STORAGES FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of total food production of the country used in the food-processing sector;

(b) the extent of loss incurred due to poor cold storage facilities in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of cold chain facilities available in the country as on date, State-wise; and

(d) the total amount allocated and spent to improve the cold storage facilities during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (d) : It is estimated that the processing level in the food processing sector has gone up from 6% to 10 % and value addition has gone up from 20% to 26% during last five years. The level of wastage of agricultural food items is estimated to be about Rs. 50,000/- crores occurring at various stages of handling after harvesting due to fragmented farming, lack of adequate post-harvest infrastructure such as lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage facilities etc. However, there has been increase in substantial rate of growth of the food processing industry from 7% in 2003-04 to 13.14 % in 2006-07 & it has contributed to reduction of wastages and better value addition.

As per the information available with Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI), Ministry of Agriculture, total number of cold storages in the country as on 31.12.2007 is 5316. State-wise and capacity-wise details are given in the Annexure.

To encourage setting up of cold chain facilities and backward linkages in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has a Plan Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the 11th Plan to provide financial assistance to project proposals received from public / private organizations for cold chain infrastructure development. The scheme envisages financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 50% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 75% for North Eastern Region and difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs.10.00 crore. The initiatives are aimed at filling the gaps in the supply chain, strengthening of cold chain infrastructure, establishing value addition with infrastructural facilities like sorting, grading, packaging and processing for horticulture including organic produce, marine, dairy, poultry, etc. Other agencies of the Government like National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processing Food Products Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Government also provide assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes.

The scheme of MFPI is project oriented, not state specific. Revised Budget Estimates during last three years for MFPI Scheme for Infrastructure Development including cold storage / chain during 2006- 07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 was Rs. 13.60 crore, Rs. 15.00 crore and Rs. 48.50 crore and the expenditure during these years was Rs. 11.62 crores, Rs. 14.79 crores and Rs. 48.28 crores respectively.